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In a press statement issued today the International Islamic Commission on Human Rights said that it had received information that General Saad el Din el Shazly, former chief of the Egyptian armed forces, who has been living in Algeria for the past 14 years, has decided to return to his native Egypt. General Shazly, who led the Egyptian armed forces in the October 1973 Arab-Israeli war, was tried in absentia and sentenced to three years in prison by an Egyptian military court in 1981 for allegedly revealing military secrets in a book which he wrote in 1979 about the October 1973 war.

According to General Shazly, he came to know about his trial only through the media and he intends to ask for a retrial on his impending return to Cairo. He has always denied the allegations against him and is confident of proving his innocence if given an opportunity to defend himself in an open and fair trial.

Deeply concerned about the matter, the International Islamic Commission on Human Rights appealed to human rights organisations world-wide to persuade the Egyptian regime that the retrial which General Shazly seeks should be fair and open and that he should be given the necessary legal guarantees to enable him to defend himself adequately.